

REMARKS

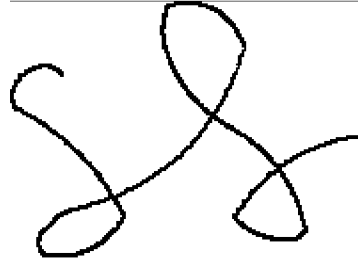
These remarks are set forth in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 15, 2006 (the "Final Office Action") and in conjunction with the filing of Request for Continued Examination. Presently, claims 1 through 19 are pending in the Patent Application. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,058,416 to Mukherjee et al. (Mukherjee). Additionally, the Examiner has rejected each of claims 1 through 5, 7 through 12 and 14 through 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent 5,008,853 to Bly et al. (Bly) in view of United States Patent No. 6,901,448 to Zhu et al. (Zhu). Also, in the Final Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 6 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bly in view of Zhu and the Official Notice taken for the use of an Enterprise Java Bean (EJB) to facilitate the transfer of information.

In response, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15 and 19, and the Applicants have cancelled claims 4, 11 and 18. The claim amendments expressly state that a "templatable and provisionable named collaborative space is provided and that an instance of the NCS is provisioned". These now expressly claimed features are completely missing from the cited portions of Mukherjee--especially column 7, lines 15 through 48--and of the combination of Bly and Zhu. Support for the Applicants' claim amendments can be found in the Applicants' original specification, page 7, paragraph [0016]. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Consequently, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of all rejections based upon Mukherjee under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and Bly and Zhu under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) owing to the amended claims and the foregoing remarks. This entire application is now believed to be in

condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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